STATEMENT-II

(A) Number of Telephone Connections Sanctioned/Provided on Priority Basis in Bihar during the Period-

Period	*Sanctioned*	*Provided*
1.4.87 to 31.3.88	20	20
1.4.88 to 31.3.89	23	23
1.4.89 to 31.3.90	36	36
1.4.90 to 30.11.91	400	400
Total	479	479

(B) The Number of Persons on waiting list as on-

Period	*Total*
31.3.1988	10,468
31.3.1989	10,067
31.3.1990	12,953
30.11.1991	22,288

(C) About 19,000 Telephone Connections are likely to be provided by March 1992.

[*Translation*]

Reservattion Facilities in Air India and Indian Airlines

5322. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether passengers are experiencing difficulties in getting the reservation in Air India and Indian Airlines on account of heavy rush;

(b) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the number of flights by Air India both within and outside the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). There is adequate capacity on domestic as well as international sectors. There could be certain flights at certain times of the year which may be overbooked. Air India is presently not in a position to mount additional flights owing to capacity constraints.